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House Appropriations Request FY 2010

Project Name: Arts in Education Program
Recipient: Department of Education
Recipient Address: 400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Room 4W343, LBJ
Recipient City: Washington
Recipient State: DC
Recipient Zip: 20202

Amount of Request: \$53,000,000

Explanation of the request (must include purpose and why it is a valuable use of taxpayer funds):

This use of taxpayer funding is necessary to continue to improve the education and lives of our nation's children. Studies continually show a significant link between arts education and students' academic performance, as well as their social development, motivations, attitudes, and disposition toward learning. A 2006 study by the Arts Education Partnership, Third Space: When Learning Matters, finds that schools with large populations of students in economic poverty—often places of frustration and failure for students and teachers alike—can be transformed into vibrant and successful centers of learning and community life when the arts are infused into their culture and curriculum. Additionally, the New Commission on the Skills of the American Workforce has concluded that the arts are an essential skill for fostering the type of innovative thinker that will thrive in the future workforce.

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